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Applicant

: YEH et al.

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DIELECTRIC STRUCTURE

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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in further response to the Final Rejection of September 8, 2003. A timely filed Notice of Apreal with a one month extension of time was filed on January 8, 2004 as full response to the Final Rejection. The appeal brief is now due on March 8, 2004. The present amendment is being filed in an effort to place the application in condition for allowance and to avoid the necessity to proceed with the preparation and filing of an appeal brief.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.